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Parents Of Pupils For New School Set Organization

O. Glen Stahl, a former member of the School Board, was elected president of the newly organized Wakefield Parent-Teachers Association at a meeting held last night at the Thomas Jefferson junior high school.

Approximately 500 residents whose children will attend classes when the new Wakefield school opens in September attended and heard Dr. Edwin R. Draheim declare that Arlington high schools will fall from the accredited list if the Interim Budget Committee's proposals are followed by the County Board.

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The first secretary will be Mrs. Harvey E. Hamilton of 843 S. Glebe Road. She also will have a son at Wakefield and is serving her second year as secretary of the Jefferson P-TA.

James R. McGlathery of 105 N. Granada Street will be the treasurer. He also has served as treasurer of the Barrett P-TA and will have a son in Wakefield and at Barrett.

The historian will be Mrs. Harry B. Wirin of 412 S. Garfield Street. Mrs. Corcoran is the present historian for the County Council and is a member of the curriculum committee of Dolly Madison. She was president of the Fairlington P-TA two years and has served two years on the School Board's advisory group on budget procedures. She will have sons in Wakefield and Patrick Henry and a daughter at Jefferson.

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Mrs. Mare, assistant principal and Dean of Girls and Ralph Kier, associate principal and Dean of Boys also talked to the parents.

Kier stated that more details on the school will be given at a meeting of incoming parents on May 19 at Madison school at 8 p.m.

The dual slate of officers was presented by Mrs. James Hill, a member of the nominating committee.

Dr. Phoebe H. Knipling, president of the County Council, gave a background of the meeting and presided as chairman. Groundwork for the meeting was laid by a steering committee working in cooperation with the Council.

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Draheim pointed out that a serious cut in the budget would fall heaviest on the elementary students in order to protect the Senior grades.

One member of the new P-TA said that his child had not always been able to obtain all her texts under the present free text system. He said he was in favor of buying them instead. Several P-TA members said they were alarmed about the interim budget committee proposals.

Draheim concluded that the schools have not had enough books in the school system in his four years as a School Board member.